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April 14, 2010

H. Curtis Spalding
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
One Congress Street
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Dear Administrator Spalding:

I am submitting for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's approval a revision to the May, 2001 Massachusetts Carbon Monoxide (CO) Maintenance State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the City of Lowell. In the SIP revision, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) proposes to discontinue monitoring for CO in Lowell and to use data from the Worcester CO monitor as a surrogate for Lowell. The monitored CO readings at the Lowell and Worcester monitors have been well below the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for CO for more than 20 years.

MassDEP issued the proposed SIP revision for public review and comment on November 22, 2008 and held a public hearing on December 30, 2008, as noted in the enclosed certification. We received written comments from your staff in support of the proposed SIP revision on January 12, 2009. We have responded to all comments received in the enclosed Response to Comments and final SIP revision.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Barbara Kwetz, Director of the Bureau of Waste Prevention's Planning and Evaluation Division at (617)-292-5882.

Very truly yours,


Laurie Burt
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Anne Arnold, US EPA Region I